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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by: (LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING PENSIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PARAPROFESSIONALS AND NONCERTIFIED SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of section 7-425 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 3 passage):
- 4 (5) "Member" means any regular employee or elective officer
- 5 receiving pay from a participating municipality, any paraprofessional
- 6 <u>or noncertified employee of a local or regional board of education</u> and
- 7 any regular employee of a free public library that receives part or all of
- 8 its income from municipal appropriation, who has been included by
- 9 such municipality in the pension plan as provided in section 7-427, but
- 10 shall not include any person, except a paraprofessional or other
- 11 <u>noncertified employee of a local or regional board of education,</u> who
- 12 customarily works less than twenty hours a week if such person
- 13 entered employment after September 30, 1969, any police officer or
- 14 firefighter who will attain the compulsory retirement age after less
- 15 than five years of continuous service in fund B, any teacher who is
- 16 eligible for membership in the state teachers retirement system, any

person eligible for membership in any pension system established by or under the authority of any special act or of a charter adopted under the provisions of chapter 99, or any person holding a position funded in whole or in part by the federal government as part of any public service employment program, on-the-job training program or work experience program, provided persons holding such federally funded positions on July 1, 1978, shall not be excluded from membership but may elect to receive a refund of their accumulated contributions without interest. For purposes of this subdivision, "paraprofessional" means an employee of a local or regional board of education who does not possess a certificate issued by the State Board of Education and who serves as an instructional assistant for such local or regional board of education.

- Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after the effective date of this section, any municipality that is not a member of the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund B, but has its own defined benefit plan shall allow any noncertified employee of a local or regional board of education within the municipality to participate in such plan. For purposes of this section, "defined benefit plan" means a pension plan under which benefits are paid according to a preset formula.
- (b) This section does not apply to any such municipality in which a pension plan has been successfully negotiated for such noncertified employees as of the effective date of this section by the exclusive bargaining representative of such noncertified employees and (1) such municipality, or (2) the local or regional boards of education within such municipality.
- Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On and after the effective date of this section, any regional educational service center or state charter school, as described in section 10-66aa of the general statutes that has its own defined benefit plan shall allow any noncertified employee of such regional educational service center, interdistrict magnet school or

49 state charter school to participate in such plan. For purposes of this

50 section, "defined benefit plan" means a pension plan under which

51 benefits are paid according to a preset formula.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	from passage	7-425(5)
Sec. 2	from passage	New section
Sec. 3	from passage	New section

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